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For: OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR USE IN EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND RINSING
METHOD THEREFOR

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated April 11, 2007, Applicant has concurrently filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This Amendment is being submitted as a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.